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Poll workers needed?

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Winchester poll workers were puzzled when they received a letter from Town Clerk MaryEllen Lannon saying, "The Town will not need [illegible] assistance this upcoming election season," despite the fact that the town's

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website is advertising for new poll workers. https://www.winchester.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1613

The letter was effusive in its praise of poll workers' "long-term commitment to civic duty," but said there's been "an increased interest from newer voters" who want to participate.

One poll worker who asked to remain anonymous sent Lannon an email asking if she'd done something wrong. "Did other volunteers feel I was difficult to work with and I was not supportive? Did voters complain that I wasn't helpful?" were among her questions, but Lannon assured her that she'd never received any complaints.

Lannon told her that she sent out 100 letters to poll workers, repeating that she wanted to give new residents a chance. Lannon told the News, "After sixteen years of working with the same pool of election workers I want to be equitable in allowing others an opportunity to work for the Town. Hence the new advertisement for new workers."

Disclaimer: The author was among the recipients although she only worked at the polls once and believes that MaryEllen Lannon has done a exemplary job overseeing elections in Winchester.

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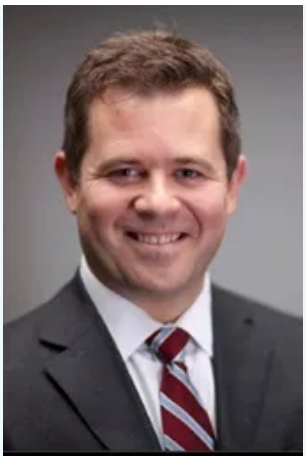

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The following was submitted by the Office of Rep. Michael S. Day: Rep. Michael S. Day and his colleagues in the House of Representatives recently passed energy affordability legislation that would result in over $9 billion in savings for utility ratepayers over the next 10 years. The bill maintains critical

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joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts Senate to pass legislation that protects residents from discrimination in the housing market as the Trump administration abandons its enforcement of the federal Fair Housing Act. Illegal discrimination continues

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‘Chicago: Teen Edition’ dances onto the Winchester High School stage

By Talia Ho | Correspondent Fame. Fortune. And all that jazz. This spring, Winchester High School presents “Chicago: Teen Edition,” a bold musical that explores celebrity culture, media manipulation, and the cost of ambition. This iconic production is set in the 1920s. Performances will take place on March 13 and 14

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The following was submitted by the Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church: On Friday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m., live in-person and live streamed from the stunning Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church, Winchester, 21 Church St., join in with Syldason, a duo concert featuring Sylvie Zakarian,

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